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Honorable and Mrs. Harry S. Truman



Dear Mr. and Mrs. Truman:

Thank you very much for inviting me to attend
the ceremonies of a mural painting entitled, "Independence
and Opening of the West" on 15 April.

Much as I would like to attend, I have a long
standing engagement on that date and, therefore, will
be unable to accept your invitation. However, I
greatly appreciate your thoughtfulness in asking me
to join you on this occasion.

With kindest regards,

Sincerely,

Arlen A. Dulles
Director

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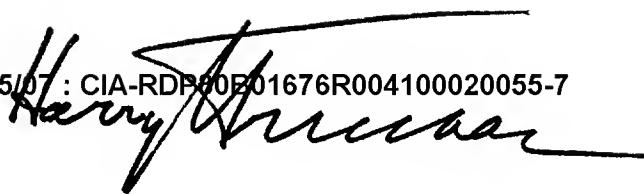
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Mr. and Mrs. Harry S. Truman
request the pleasure of your company
at the ceremonies of acceptance
of
a mural painting entitled
"Independence and the Opening of the West"
by Thomas Hart Benton
in the Harry S. Truman Library
Independence, Missouri
on Saturday, the fifteenth of April
nineteen hundred and sixty-one
at three o'clock in the afternoon
and at a reception immediately following

R.S.V.P.
Post Office Box 573
Kansas City, Missouri
Please indicate number in party

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A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Harry S. Truman". The signature is fluid and cursive, with "Harry" and "Truman" being the most distinct parts.

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